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REPORT
No. 96-1045TRAVEL EXPENSES OF SENATORS AND EMPLOYEES
OF THEIR OFFICES

DECEMBER 1 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 20), 1980.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD (for Mr. PELL), from the Committee on
Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

COMPLETED

[To accompany S. Res. 540]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, having considered an original resolution (S. Res. 540) relating to payment of travel expenses of a Senator and employees of his office, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the resolution be agreed to.

Senate Resolution 540 would provide that, until otherwise provided by law, reimbursement with respect to travel expenses incurred by a Senator or employee described in section 506(e) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(e)) shall be made as if the phrase "only for actual transportation expenses" read "for travel expenses essential to the transaction of official business while away from his official station or post of duty".

The provision would allow for the payment of such items as telephone calls, newspapers, stationery items, and charges for issuance of travelers checks which are necessary for the transaction of official business directly and in the same way as now applicable to committee members and staff. It would preclude the present necessity of having the Senator or his staff member having to request reimbursement through a voucher drawn to the Senator for telephone expenses incurred outside Washington, D.C.; subscriptions; or office expenses incurred in home State and then causing a check to be drawn by the Senator to reimburse the staff member or himself.

It is not the intent of this resolution to allow for the payment of conference room rentals or shipping charges since these items are properly chargeable to other senatorial allowances.